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E.O. 11652:

TAGS: PFOR, OAS, UY

SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN BOGOTA

REF: MONTEVIDEO 3280

1. THE LINE YOU TOOK IN DISCUSSING THE BOGOTA MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO IS THE APPROPRIATE ONE AND IS IN LINE WITH THE GENERAL GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED IN STATE 212801. WE AGREE THAT BLANCO'S VIEWS OF THE POSSIBILITIES AND PITFALLS OF THE BOGOTA MEETING ARE SIMILAR TO OUR OWN. WHILE WE WANT THE OUTCOME OF THE BOGOTA MEETING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW DIALOGUE ON FUTURE U.S.-LA RELATIONS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE LATIN AMERICANS UNDERSTAND THAT THE U.S. IS LEAVING IT ENTIRELY UP TO THEM TO DECIDE WHETHER AND HOW TO RESPOND TO THE SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE. BASED UPON BLANCO'S PREVIOUS POSITIVE PARTICIPATION IN INTER-AMERICAN MEETINGS, WE WOULD EXPECT HIM TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN BOGOTA IN HELPING TO OBTAIN THE TYPE OF CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOME WHICH HE DESCRIBED. IT MAY BE THA BLANCO'S AGONIZING OVER WHETHER OR NOT TO GO TO BOGOTA ARISES FROM HIS KNOWLEDGE THAT THE ARGENTINE AND BRAZILIAN FOREIGN  
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MINISTERS HAVE APPARENTLY DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND THE

MEETING. IN THE PAST URUGUAY GENERALLY PREFERRED NOT TO BE OUT OF STEP WITH BOTH ITS NEIGHBORS.

2. WE SHALL ATTEMPT TO KEEP YOU INFORMED ON THE BOGOTA MEETING. SHOULD BLANCO RAISE THE SUBJECT AGAIN, YOU SHOULD BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE COMMENSURATE WITH OUR DESIRE TO AVOID GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE TRYING TO DIRECT OR INFLUENCE HOW THE LATINS RESPOND TO THE SECRETARY'S REQUEST FOR THEIR VIEWS. RUSH

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